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(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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2. This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet.
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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **language**, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 - This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
 - international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
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2. With regard to the **elements*** of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

Description, Pages

1-70 as originally filed

Claims, Numbers

1-22 as originally filed

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3. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
 - the description, pages
 - the claims, Nos.
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	1-22
	No: Claims	
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	1-22
	No: Claims	
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1-22
	No: Claims	

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7):

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V REASONED STATEMENT

1. PRIOR ART

The documents cited in the International Search Report

D1: GB-A-2 083 476 (WYETH JOHN & BROTHER LTD) 24 March 1982 (1982-03-24)
D2: WO 01/83454 A (GIARDINA GIUSEPPE ; GRUGNI MARIO (IT); RONZONI SILVANO (IT); BARLOCCO) 8 November 2001 (2001-11-08)
D3: WO 03/037863 A (SATTLEGGER MICHAEL DR ; SCHICK HANS PROF DR (DE); ENLGBERGER WERNER DR) 8 May 2003 (2003-05-08)

have been considered for the examination procedure.

2. NOVELTY

The subject-matter of the claims is considered to be novel (Article 33(2) PCT). The compounds of claim 1 can be seen as a novel selection from D1 due to the substituted indole moiety. The compounds of D1 differ from claim 21 in the medical use.

Presently claimed compounds differ from D2 in the indole moiety, from D3 in the substitution of the piperidine moiety.

3. INVENTIVE STEP

The subject-matter of the claims fulfil the requirements of Article 33(3) PCT for the following reasons:

The problem of the present application may be seen in the provision of further piperidine-substituted indoles possessing antagonistic or agonistic activity for the receptors ORL-1 and that are useful in treating disorders related to modulation of these receptors, e.g. pain.

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The closest state of the art for the present application is represented by D2. D2 discloses structurally similar compounds exhibiting the same pharmaceutical activity. As already stated above the compounds differ in the indole unity. The compounds of D3 are useful in a similar field and differ in an other manner as explained above.

Neither through combination of the said documents nor through variation within said documents the skilled person would arrive at the presently claimed solution. Accordingly the solution to the problem defined above does not appear to be evident.

It is derivable from the description that the applicant has carried out tests that proof the alleged activity.

Thus, inventive step can be acknowledged.

In the regional phase it might become necessary to name at least one exemplified compound for which a test has been carried out in order to assess the plausibility of the generalisation and the scope of the claims.